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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, in the above identified application, to which the period for response will expire on January 28, 2004, with a two-month extension fee filed herewith. Please amend the above identified application as follows: